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SUBJ: PROPOSED JOINT MILITARY PLANNING TALKS

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1. POLMILCOUNS CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL TO GENERAL REZVANI DEC 5, POINTING OUT THAT ALTHOUGH STATE AND DOD CONCUR IN PRINCIPLE WITH CONCEPT OF JOINT MILITARY PLANNING TALKS, CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIVES OF TALKS IS REQUIRED BEFORE FINAL DECISION CAN BE MADE AND FIRST SESSION ARRANGED. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO REZVANI THAT US AIM IS TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF SUBJECTS ALREADY BEING CONVERGED IN EXISTING CHANNELS. IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED TALKS SHOULD BE DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON MILITARY LEVEL BETWEEN MILITARY PARTICIPANTS, AND THAT TALKS SHOULD NOT COVER POLICY ISSUES OR AIM TO PRODUCE OPERATIONAL PLANS.

2. REZVANI SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO PROVIDE DRAFT AGENDA IN WRITING FOR APPROPRIATE US CONSIDERATION. HE SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIM TO HAVE POINTS JUST CONVEYED TO HIM IN WRITING AS INDICATIVE OF US APPROACH TO AND FRAMEWORK FOR PROPOSED TALKS. POLMILCOUNS SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE SHORT NOTE TO REZVANI CONTAINING POINTS.

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3. REZVANI REAFFIRMED IRANIAN INTEREST IN HAVING INDIAN OCEAN ON AGENDA FOR FIRST SET OF TALKS (TEHRAN 10119, 070725Z

OCT 76, PARA TWO). HE ALSO MENTIONED COMMAND AND CONTROL, AND LOGISTICS AS POSSIBLE TOPICS. WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMER, HE SAID HE DID NOT HAVE IN MIND SORT OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE NOW PROVIDED BY MAAG, BUT HOW SUCH SYSTEMS AS, FOR EXAMPLE, SPRUANCE, THE F-14 AND SEEK SENTRY MIGHT MOST EFFECTIVELY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO REZVANI THAT HIS EXAMPLE OF LOGISTICS SEEMED MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE MAAG. HE RETORTED THAT MAAG HAD BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS AND LOGISTICS PROBLEMS REMAINED; THEREFORE HE THOUGHT IT RELEVANT SUBJECT FOR JOINT MILITARY PLANNING TALKS.

4. REZVANI CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE WOULD PROVIDE DRAFT AGENDA IN WRITING SHORTLY, AFTER OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION WITH HIS COLLEAGUES.

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